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Explains junctions of OPC's two separate security offices (the Security Officer under the Executive Officer, and the Operational Security Officer under the Chief of Operations/OPC [COP]) and makes recommendation for the future.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXO

FROM: SDC

RE: R. & R. B: Optimum Security Plan for OPC

1. At the present time the security aspects of OPC are handled by two separate offices, namely the Security Officer under the Executive Officer, who is responsible for initiating action for operational clearances, physical security, name checks, disaster plans and other special requests made by IBS; and the Operational Security Officer under COF who is responsible for the security aspects of all projects initiated by CCP, CPP and CCS.

2. When originally set up, the division of security responsibilities into two offices was based on the assumption that the duties of the two offices were clearly defined and represented separate areas of activity. In actual practice, however, it has developed that the activities of the two offices are closely interrelated. A security action by one office has a direct effect on the other office in all phases of security activities, planning and policies.

3. In actual practice an unintentional and unpreventable vacuum has developed despite the close cooperation between the two offices. The Security Officer under the Executive Officer is placed on a level that permits a direct and overall control of security matters under ADIC's supervision. On the other hand the Operational Security Officer under COF, because of his position in the chain of command, is able to advise on only such projects as COF, COB or CCP may wish to refer to him. It is possible that projects may be well underway before being brought to his attention, or they may never be submitted to him. This creates a serious security hazard in OPC operations.

4. I believe that the solution to this problem is the establishment of one Security Office under ADIC, responsible for the functions of the two present offices. Each project would be accorded the appropriate security consideration at the executive level during the

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RE: RE: sub E: Optimum/Security Plan for ADIC

1. At the present time the security aspects of ADIC are handled by two separate offices, namely the Security Officer under the Executive Officer, who is responsible for initiating action for operational clearances, physical security, name checks, disaster plans and other special requests made by IAS; and the Operational Security Officer under COI who is responsible for the security aspects of all projects initiated by COP, CFP and CCS.

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developmental stage with resultant security servicing in all aspects after projects are implemented. Security functions such as operational clearances and name checks will be better timed in the development of projects. This will in turn strengthen the overall security of any given projects.

3. In view of the above, it is recommended that all security functions in OIC presently assigned to the Security Officer and the Operational Security Officer be combined into a single security office operating within ALIC's office under the direct supervision of the Executive Officer.

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